

BROWNSHOES IN ACTION COMIX

"The kind real aviators like"

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TRUE EJECTION TALES

It's true! If an F-14 crew ejects while spotted on cat-3, the RIO immediately will land safely on vultures row.



It's true! L.Cdr. Bud Freen, who insisted he was the originator of the "Kick the Tires, Light the Fires" saying, actually flew an entire hop with the ejection seat pulled for a corrosion inspection.



It's true! Although some ejections appear to be split-second decisions, "time compression" affords the aircrew the opportunity to go through a complex and objective thought process.

Hmm . . . It seems my end speed will not be enough to sustain flight . . . This is the aircraft with my name on the side, I'd hate to just lose it . . . I hope someone's taping this on their VCR . . . I wonder why I don't have an upper handle like the Tomcat guys? . . .



It's true! Most of your advanced helos have got ejection seats!



Yes, it's true, and those blade synchronizer problems are merely a rumor.



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... But seriously folks, know when to go, then go!